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H. R. LABOUNTY SAFETY AWARD PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM



Agency: Sacramento Suburban Water District

Employee Nominated:

Name: Hector Segoviano

Job Classification: Production Foreman


Reason for Nomination: Production Department operators at Sacramento Suburban Water District had to enter a valve vault at the District's Capehart elevated tank on a routine basis to read the system and tank pressure gauges or to pull water quality samples. The gauges were generally difficult to read due to condensation and debris collecting on the surface of the instruments. In order to clean the gauges, an operator had to enter the vault. Once in the vault, the operator then had to be vigilant to avoid the inevitable black widow spiders and snakes that frequent the cool, damp space. Production operators generally work alone and entering this type of hazardous environment can't be done without a confined space entry permit and a second operator as an attendant so entries had to be planned and scheduled.

Solution: Hector Segoviano, Production Foreman, and a co-worker Dave Bruns, Electrical and Instrumentation Technician, thought it would be best to eliminate unnecessary entries into this dangerous environment by plumbing these necessary gauges and sample port outside the vault. Mr. Segoviano also ensured confined space signage was installed in a prominent location to warn other operators about the danger of entry into this vault.

Nominated by: Jim Arenz

Signature: 

Date: 6/13/2011

General Manager: 

Date: 6/14/11

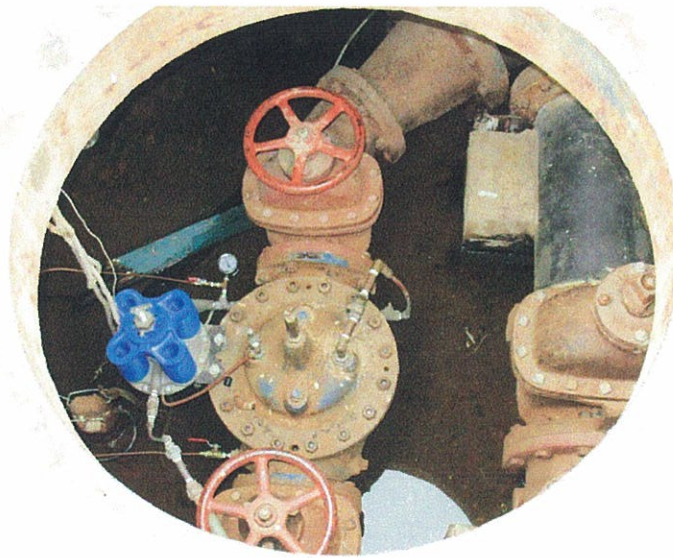
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Capehart Elevated Tank

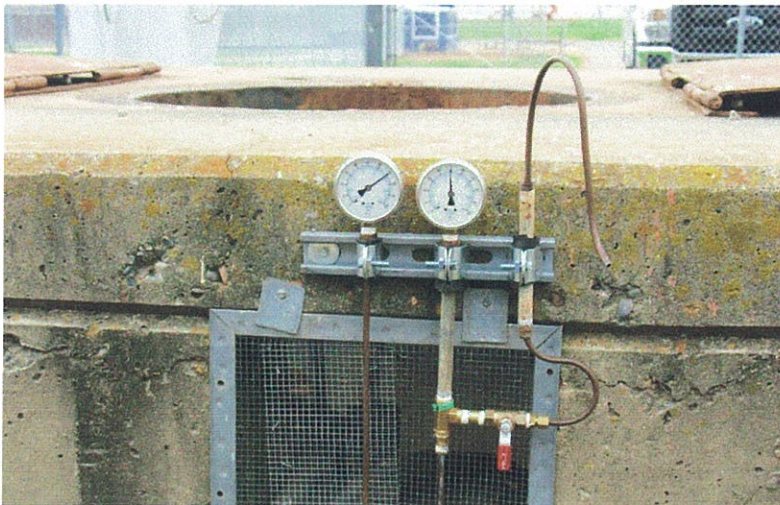


Underground valve vault where pressure gauges were formerly located.



Modifications were made to the system pressure and elevated tank pressure gauges.

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The system pressure gauge and elevated tank gauge (with sample port) were plumbed out of the vault to prevent unnecessary entry to a confined space environment.